

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Kardish Paul J.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 2210 WOODLAND DRIVE (Street) MANITOWOC WI 54220 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. [OESX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/18/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	06/18/2012		A ⁽¹⁾		6,250	A	\$0	6,250	D	
Common Stock								4,900	I	By IRA

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$2	06/18/2012		A		12,500		(2)	06/18/2022	Common Stock	12,500	\$0	12,500	D	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$2.75							(3)	11/07/2021	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Restricted stock granted to the reporting person under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. The restricted stock vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on June 18, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, respectively.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. This option, granted June 18, 2012, vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on June 18, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, respectively.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. This option, granted November 7, 2011, vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on November 7, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively

Remarks:

/s/ Steven R. Barth, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul J. Kardish 06/20/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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